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Dear DOJ officer,

I am writing to express my concerns and severe dissatisfaction regarding the proposed settlement in the anti-trust case brought against Microsoft.

The settlement has practically no punitive measures for past misconduct, or remedies to repair damage caused to consumers because of past microsoft misconduct. It is ridiculous that MS is to keep all the benefits of the actions it took, even though they have been legally identified as conflicting with existing laws. If I were to rob a bank, would I get to keep the money, with the judge telling me "don't do that again", and assigning my best pal to make sure I follow that advise??

The proposed oversight committee to enforce prevention of future transgressions is a farce. Being on MS payroll, and with MS having significant influence on who will be part of the committee, I have zero confidence in the comittee's effectiveness or motivations.

MS practice of pushing its products based on the companies superior capabilities in the manipulation of intellectual property laws, rather than technical innovation or economic value, has continously hampered innovation, harmed consumers, and suppressed any kind of competition from taking hold.

The remedies **must** include full, and unconditional, disclosure of all windows API's to the general public, and only a breakup of the company that separates the OS division from the application division will be able to enforce this behaviour (out of economic neccessity if the OS part of the company intends to stay in business).

Especially with recent events in mind, this country cannot afford to project the appearance that the DOJ is nothing more than a pawn of corporate america, where Lady Justice is anything but blind to enough political clout or economic influence.

Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully,

Ralph Ewig